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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the publication and contents of minutes of
2 meetings of city councils and county boards of supervisors.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.504, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Record the proceedings of the board. ~~The~~ In addition
4 to information that is required to be included under other
5 provisions of the Code, the minutes of the board shall include
6 a all of the following:

7 a. A record of all actions taken and the complete text of
8 the motions, resolutions, amendments, and ordinances adopted
9 by the board. ~~Upon the request of a supervisor present at a~~
10 meeting, the minutes shall include a record of the vote of each
11 supervisor on any question before the board. The minutes shall
12 show the results of each vote taken and information sufficient
13 to indicate the vote of each member present.

14 b. Whether the meeting was a regular, adjourned, or special
15 meeting.

16 c. The date, location, starting time, and ending time of the
17 meeting.

18 d. The names of the members of the board who were present
19 at the meeting and the names of the members who were excused or
20 absent from the meeting.

21 e. Whether the minutes from the previous meeting were
22 approved as read or approved as corrected. If a correction
23 is made in the text of the minutes being approved, such
24 corrected minutes shall be furnished by the auditor in their
25 entirety within one week for publication in the newspaper which
26 published the original minutes.

27 f. A description of all issues addressed by the board
28 or raised before the board, including a list of the names
29 of persons who addressed the board on such issues. Matters
30 discussed in closed session pursuant to section 21.5 shall not
31 be published until entered on the public minutes.

32 Sec. 2. Section 372.13, subsection 6, Code Supplement 2009,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 6. a. Within fifteen days following a regular or special
35 meeting of the council, the clerk shall cause the minutes of

1 the proceedings of the council, including the total expenditure
2 from each city fund, to be published in a newspaper of general
3 circulation in the city. In addition to information that is
4 required to be included under other provisions of the Code,
5 the minutes of the proceedings shall include the following
6 information:

7 (1) Whether the meeting was a regular or special meeting.

8 (2) The date, location, starting time, and ending time of
9 the meeting.

10 (3) The names of the members of the council who were present
11 at the meeting and the names of the members who were excused or
12 absent from the meeting.

13 (4) Whether the minutes of the proceedings from the previous
14 meeting were approved as read or approved as corrected.

15 If a correction is made in the text of the minutes of the
16 proceedings being approved, the clerk shall furnish such
17 corrected minutes in their entirety within one week for
18 publication in the newspaper which published the original
19 minutes.

20 (5) A description of all issues addressed by the council
21 or raised before the council, including a list of the names
22 of persons who addressed the council on such issues. Matters
23 discussed in closed session pursuant to section 21.5 shall not
24 be published until entered on the public minutes.

25 (6) A record of all actions taken and the complete text of
26 the motions, resolutions, amendments, and ordinances adopted by
27 the council. The minutes shall show the results of each vote
28 taken and information sufficient to indicate the vote of each
29 member present.

30 b. The publication under paragraph "a" shall include a
31 list of all claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and
32 shall show the gross amount of the claims. The list of claims
33 allowed shall show the name of the person or firm making
34 the claim, the reason for the claim, and the amount of the
35 claim. If the reason for the claims is the same, two or more

1 claims made by the same vendor, supplier, or claimant may be
2 consolidated if the number of claims consolidated and the
3 total consolidated claim amount are listed in the statement.
4 However, the city shall provide at its office upon request an
5 unconsolidated list of all claims allowed. ~~Matters discussed~~
6 ~~in closed session pursuant to section 21.3 shall not be~~
7 ~~published until entered on the public minutes.~~

8 c. ~~However, in~~ In cities having more than one hundred fifty
9 thousand population, the council shall each month print in
10 pamphlet form a detailed itemized statement of all receipts and
11 disbursements of the city, and a summary of its proceedings
12 during the preceding month, and furnish copies to the city
13 library, the daily newspapers of the city, and to persons who
14 apply at the office of the city clerk, and the pamphlet shall
15 constitute publication as required. Failure by the clerk to
16 make publication is a simple misdemeanor.

17 d. The provisions of this subsection are applicable in
18 cities in which a newspaper is published, or in cities of
19 two hundred population or over, but in all other cities,
20 posting the statement in three public places in the city which
21 have been permanently designated by ordinance is sufficient
22 compliance with this subsection.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends provisions relating to the contents and
25 publication requirements for minutes of meetings of city
26 councils and county boards of supervisors.

27 The bill requires the minutes of the meetings of a city
28 council or a county board of supervisors to include whether the
29 meeting was a regular or special meeting, the date, location,
30 starting time, and ending time of the meeting, the names of the
31 members who were present at the meeting and the names of the
32 members who were excused or absent from the meeting, whether
33 the minutes of the proceedings from the previous meeting were
34 approved as read or approved as corrected, a description of all
35 issues addressed or raised during the meeting, and a list of

1 the names of persons who spoke on such issues.

2 The bill requires the minutes of the proceedings of a city
3 council to include a record of all actions taken and the
4 complete text of the motions, resolutions, amendments, and
5 ordinances adopted by the council. Under current law, county
6 boards of supervisors have a similar requirement. The bill
7 also requires that minutes of county boards of supervisors
8 and city councils show the results of each vote taken and
9 information sufficient to indicate the vote of each member
10 present. Under current law applicable to county boards of
11 supervisors, such information is only included upon request of
12 a member.

13 The bill provides that if a correction is made in the text of
14 the minutes being approved by a city council or a county board
15 of supervisors, such corrected minutes must be furnished in
16 their entirety within one week for publication in the newspaper
17 which published the original minutes.